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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:

Nicastro et al.

Serial No.: 09/924,666

Filed: 08/08/01

Title: COIN COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR A  
GAMING MACHINE

Atty. Docket No.: 47079-0091

Group Art Unit: 3653

Examiner: Not Assigned

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**PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for the correction of inventorship for the above-  
referenced patent application.

(1) In addition to the originally named inventors James M. Rasmussen and Wayne H.  
Rothschild, Louis J. Nicastro is also a joint inventor to the above-referenced patent application.  
Accordingly, it is requested that Louis J. Nicastro be added as an inventor of the above-  
referenced patent application.

(2) A Statement from Louis J. Nicastro indicating that the error in inventorship occurred  
without deceptive intention on his part accompanies this petition.

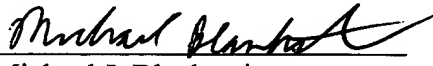
(3) An executed Declaration listing Louis J. Nicastro as a joint inventor is enclosed.

(4) Finally, the written consent of the assignee, WMS Gaming Inc., accompanies this  
petition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the processing fee set forth in §1.17(i) [\$130.00]. In addition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required (except payment of the issue fee), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502596 (47079-0091).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/2/03

  
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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)**

The undersigned, Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified patent application,  
hereby consents to the amendment of the application to add Louis J. Nicastro as an inventor.

Date: 8/6/03

WMS Gaming Inc.

Kathleen McJohn

By: Kathleen McJohn

Title: V.P., General Counsel and Secretary



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STATEMENT OF FACTS UNDER 37 CFR §1.48(a)

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I, Louis J. Nicastro, one of the joint inventors of the above-identified patent application declare and say:

The error in inventorship in the above-identified patent application, namely, the omission of myself as being a named inventor, occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date:

8/11/03

Louis J. Nicastro, Inventor



PATENT  
Docket No. 47079-0091

**RULES 63 AND 67 (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63 and 1.67)**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL**  
**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "COIN COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR A GAMING MACHINE," the specification of which:

- ☒ (a) is attached hereto.  
— (b) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
— (c) was filed as PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on  
\_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).  
— (d) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
was issued a Notice of Allowance on \_\_\_\_\_.  
— (e) was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and bearing attorney docket number  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above or as allowed as indicated above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. If this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the application as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this CIP application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the

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subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which my priority is claimed or, (2) if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

PRIOR FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Month/Day/Year Filed</u>	<u>Date First Laid- Open or Published</u>	<u>Date Patented or Granted</u>	<u>Priority Claimed Yes No</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)/120/365 of any United States application(s) listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below:

PRIOR U.S. OR PCT APPLICATIONS

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Month/Day/Year Filed</u>	<u>Status(pending, abandoned, patented)</u>
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I hereby appoint MICHAEL J. BLANKSTEIN, Reg. No. 37,097 and MICHAEL L. WHITE, Reg. No. 39,421 of the corporation **WMS GAMING INC.**, 800 South Northpoint Blvd., Waukegan, Illinois 60085, and DANIEL J. BURNHAM, Reg. No. 39,618 of the firm of **JENKENS & GILCHRIST, P.C.**, 3200 Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2799, as my attorneys and/or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, provisionals thereof, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, appeals, reissues, substitutions, and extensions thereof and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, to appoint any individuals under an associate power of attorney and to file and prosecute any international patent application filed thereon before any international authorities, and I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/organization who/which first sent this case to them and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct them in writing to the contrary.

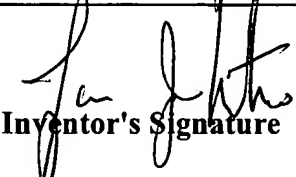

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